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Please find a copy of an Amendment, Petition for Extension of Time and 3 attachments.

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PATENT APPLICATION  
CH-7867  
LeA 36,309**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICATION OF	)	GROUP NO.:	1755
MARTIN KLEBAN ET AL	)	EXAMINER:	A. J. GREEN
SERIAL NUMBER: 10/694,106	)		
FILED: OCTOBER 27, 2003	)		
TITLE: CHROMIUM-FREE WATERPROOF	)		
LEATHER	)		

**AMENDMENT**Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Sirs:

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2004 in the above identified application, it is respectfully requested that the presently claimed invention be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and remarks. A separate Petition for Extension of time is being filed herewith so that the response can be considered as being timely filed.

Before presenting the amendments and remarks, Applicants by their undersigned attorney, acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's statement on Page 5, paragraph 8 of the Office Action that Claims 3-5 and 10-11 are allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base and intervening claims and provided that they overcome any 112 rejections.

By the amendments below applicants have amended the allowable claims per the Examiner's suggestion and have amended the other claims remaining in the application to recite them more clearly and distinctly. The amendments are as follows:

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